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For the Period April 28 to May 4, 2015

Fourteen per cent of the 2015 crop is in the ground, according to the Saskatchewan Agriculture Crop Report. The five-year (2010-2014) average for this time of year is two per cent seeded.

Thanks to the dry weather in the southwest, farmers in that region have 34 per cent of the 2015 crop in the ground. In the rest of the province, seeding has started for most farmers. In the southeast, producers have 14 per cent seeded; west-central producers have eight per cent seeded; northwestern producers seven per cent; east-central producers three per cent and northeastern producers two per cent. In some areas of the province, spotty rain showers throughout the week have caused some delay in seeding.

One year ago

Seeding had just started for some areas of the province. The southwest region had two per cent of the crop seeded. Cold temperatures with significant moisture events delayed seeding.

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Thirty-two percent of the field peas have been seeded, 29 per cent of the lentils, 33 per cent of the mustard, 25 per cent of the durum and eight per cent of the spring wheat and canola.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 16 per cent surplus, 74 per cent adequate and 10 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as eight per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate, 14 per cent short and three per cent very short.

Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded	
All Crops	
May 4, 2015	14
5 year avg. (2010-2014)	2
10 year avg. (2005-2014)	4

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Fourteen of the 2015 crop has been seeded in the region. Seeding conditions vary across the region. In some areas, seeding has just started, while in other areas, good progress has been made thanks to the dry weather. Seeding started this past week in crop districts 1A, 1B and 2B where field conditions have been wet. Crop districts 2A and 3ASE are further ahead in seeding and, in some areas, a good rain would help get seed germinated and off to a good start. CDs 1A and 1B are reporting nine per cent seeded; 2A 24 per cent; 2B seven per cent and 3ASE 60 per cent. Thirty-two per cent of the field peas, 21 per cent of the lentils and 11 per cent of the spring wheat have been seeded.

Very little rain—ranging from nil to 4 mm (Indian Head area)–was reported in the region. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 24 per cent surplus, 65 per cent adequate and 11 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate and 20 per cent short. CDs 1B and 2B are reporting 44 per cent and 37 per cent of the cropland, respectively, have surplus topsoil moisture.

Farmers are busy seeding, pre-working fields and putting down fertilizer and weed control products. There are indications that some seeding plans are starting to change due to wet field conditions in some areas. Poor road conditions in some areas are limiting access to fields.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current , Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

Dry weather for several weeks in the southwest has allowed farmers to get 34 per cent of the 2015 crop seeded. Good progress was made in seeding peas, lentils and durum. Forty-seven per cent of the lentils and peas, and 30 per cent of the durum have been seeded. CD 3ASW is reporting 19 per cent seeded; 3BS 28 per cent; 3BN 38 per cent; 4A 48 per cent and 4B 27 per cent.

Very little rain—ranging from nil to 10 mm (Eyebrow area)—was recorded in the region. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate and 26 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 60 per cent adequate, 28 per cent short and 12 per cent very short. Spotty rain showers in the eastern part of the region (Limerick and Eyebrow areas) have delayed seeding. Most producers are indicating seeding conditions are good.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

Seeding is just getting underway for farmers in the region, which has three per cent of the 2015 crop seeded. Rain showers were reported across most of the region, resulting in short seeding days. Precipitation ranged from nil to 13 mm (Abernethy area). Crop District 5A has seven per cent seeded; 5B one per cent and 6A two per cent. A large amount of water is lying in many fields and there has been some localized flooding of roads, limiting access to fields in some areas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are reported as 30 per cent surplus and 70 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 19 per cent surplus, 79 per cent adequate and two per cent short. CD 6A is reporting that 36 per cent of cropland has surplus topsoil moisture.

Farmers are busy pre-working fields, applying fertilizer and seeding. There are a couple of reports of farmers picking up harvest from where they left off last fall.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Good seeding progress was made during the week and eight per cent of the crop is now seeded. Crop districts 6B and 7B have seven per cent seeded and CD 7A has 11 per cent seeded. Twenty-one per cent of the peas and nine per cent of the lentils have been seeded. Very little rain—ranging from nil to 3 mm (Harris area)—fell in the region ranging.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 89 per cent adequate and eight per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and seven per cent short. Crop District 7A is reporting that 21 per cent of cropland acres are short of topsoil moisture.

Farmers are busy seeding, working fields, applying fertilizer and weed control products and putting cows to pasture.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

The majority of producers are in the field with pre seeding operations, and seeding has just started for some. Two per cent of the 2015 crop has been seeded. Peas, canola and wheat are being seeded. Last week's rain/snow, combined with spotty rain showers this week have delayed field work and warm weather will be needed to dry up fields. Some roads are in poor condition, limiting field access in some areas.

Rain fell across most of the region, resulting in shortened field work days. The amount of rainfall ranged from nil to 12 mm (Tisdale area).

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 33 per cent surplus and 67 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 13 per cent surplus and 87 per cent adequate. Crop District 8A is reporting 55 per cent surplus topsoil moisture on cropland.

Farmers are busy with pre-seeding field operations and getting ready to seed.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

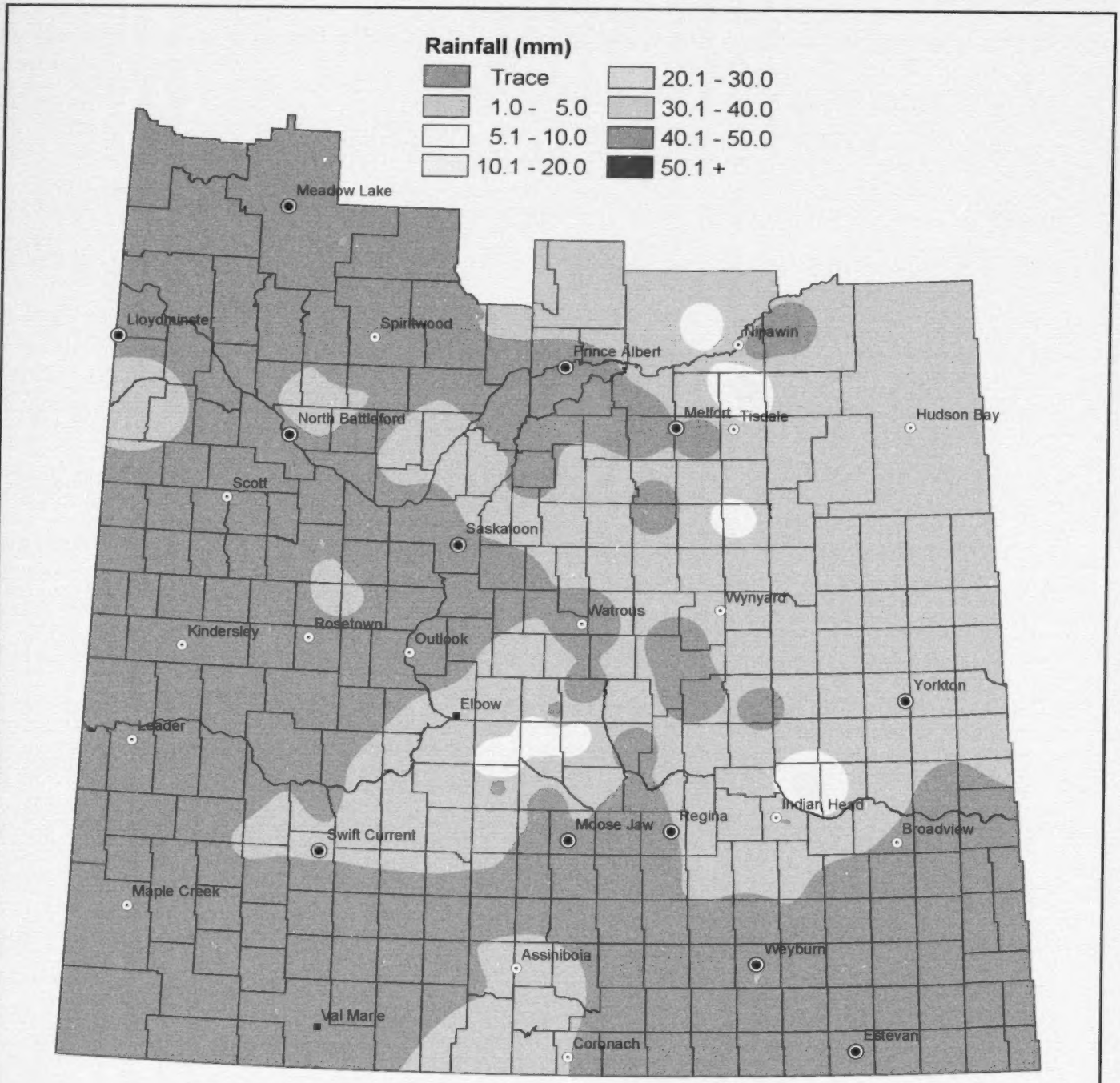
Good seeding progress was made during the week. The northwestern region has seven per cent of the 2015 in the ground. At nine per cent seeded, Crop District 9B is a little further ahead than the rest of the district. The majority of this district missed the rain/snow from last week, allowing fields to dry up. Crop District 9AW has five per cent seeded. Peas, canola and wheat are going in. Very little rain—ranging from nil to 4 mm (North Battleford area)—fell in the region this week.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as three per cent surplus, 94 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as 92 per cent adequate and eight per cent short.

Farmers are busy with pre-seeding field operations, seeding and moving cattle to pasture.

Weekly Rainfall

from April 28 to May 4, 2015



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period April 28 to May 4, 2015

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	4
	3	Enniskillen	NIL	3
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A
	34	Browning	N/A	5
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A
	63	Moose Mountain	NIL	17
	64	Brock	NIL	6
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	7
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	6
	122	Martin	NIL	30
	123	Silverwood	NIL	11
	124	Kingsley	NIL	12
	125 A	Chester	NIL	19
	125 B	Chester	NIL	12
	151 A	Rocanville	NIL	12
	151 B	Rocanville	N/A	N/A
	154	Elcapo	N/A	2
	155 A	Wolseley	N/A	11
	155 B	Wolseley	N/A	N/A
2A	67	Weyburn	NIL	2
	68	Brokenshell	1	9
	97	Wellington	NIL	7
2B	127 A	Francis	2	17
	127 B	Francis	2.5	5
	129	Bratt's Lake	1	8
	131 A	Baildon	NIL	14
	131 B	Baildon	N/A	14
	156 A	Indian Head	0.5	12
	156 B	Indian Head	4	31
	157	South Qu'Appelle	N/A	NIL
	160 A	Pense	N/A	7
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	49
	162	Caron	N/A	22
	191	Marquis	NIL	35
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	NIL	14
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	8
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	23
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	18
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	46
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A
	40 B	Bengough	N/A	N/A
	42	Willow Bunch	3	41
	43	Old Post	3	35
	70	Key West	N/A	N/A
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	37
	73 B	Stonehenge	2	24
3AN	101	Terrell	1	17
	102	Lake Johnston	1	24
	103	Sutton	NIL	30
	132 A	Hillsborough	1	65
	132 B	Hillsborough	NIL	41
	134	Shamrock	N/A	32
	193 A	Eyebrow	NIL	59
	193 B	Eyebrow	10	83
	224	Maple Bush	N/A	N/A
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	30
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	36
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	28
	76	Auvergne	NIL	22
	77	Wise Creek	NIL	28
	78	Grassy Creek	NIL	36
	105	Glenbain	1	31
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	24
	107	Lac Pelletier	NIL	17
	108	Bone Creek	N/A	13
3BN	138 A	Webb	N/A	24
	138 B	Webb	NIL	8
	166	Excelsior	3	27
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	18
	168 A	Riverside	4	28
	168 B	Riverside	NIL	8
	226	Victory	N/A	35
	228	Lacadena	NIL	7
	257	Monet	NIL	3

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4A	49	White Valley	N/A	29
	51	Reno	NIL	16
	79	Arlington	NIL	29
	109 A	Carmichael	N/A	9
	109 B	Carmichael	N/A	30
	110	Piapot	NIL	1
4B	139	Gull Lake	N/A	1
	142	Enterprise	N/A	2
	169	Pittville	N/A	N/A
	231	Happyland	NIL	2
	183 B	Fertile Belt	NIL	8
5A	186	Abernethy	13	13
	211	Churchbridge	2	18
	213	Saltcoats	1	12
	216	Tullymet	N/A	NIL
	241	Calder	N/A	10
	243	Wallace	N/A	13
	244	Orkney	2	10
	245 A	Garry	2	22
	245 B	Garry	4	8
	245 C	Garry	N/A	26
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	20
	247	Kellross	NIL	24
	248	Touchwood	NIL	24
	271	Cote	4	13
	273	Sliding Hills	1	11
	277	Emerald	2	32
5B	305	Invermay	5	38
	307	Elfros	5	26
	308 A	Big Quill	N/A	25
	308 B	Big Quill	NIL	22
	331	Livingston	N/A	23
	336	Sasman	3	9
	337	Lakeview	3	26
	338	Lakeside	1	21
	366	Kelvington	4	28
	367	Ponass Lake	8	41
6A	190 A	Dufferin	1	15
	190 B	Dufferin	3	28
	190 C	Dufferin	NIL	9
	190 D	Dufferin	NIL	24
	219 A	Longlaketon	NIL	24
	219 B	Longlaketon	NIL	12
	220	Mckillop	NIL	20
	221	Sarnia	8	52
	222	Craik	9	66
	251	Big Arm	NIL	56
	252	Arm River	NIL	58
	279	Mount Hope	7	30
	282	McCraney	2	58
	309	Prairie Rose	N/A	N/A
	312	Morris	NIL	NIL
	313	Lost River	N/A	61
	339	Leroy	1.2	36
	340	Wolverine	1	33
	341	Viscount	1	58
	343 A	Blucher	NIL	80
	343 B	Blucher	NIL	NIL
6B	254	Loreburn	N/A	N/A
	284	Rudy	NIL	55
	285	Fertile Valley	NIL	29
	286	Milden	NIL	19
	314	Dundurn	NIL	54
	344	Corman Park	NIL	25
	346	Perdue	NIL	13
	376	Eagle Creek	NIL	26
	403	Rosthern	2	26

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7A	287	St. Andrews	NIL	12
	288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	18
	290 A	Kindersley	NIL	7
	290 B	Kindersley	NIL	3
	290 C	Kindersley	N/A	NIL
	292	Milton	N/A	8
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	NIL
	317 B	Marriott	3	24
	318	Mountain View	NIL	15
	320 A	Oakdale	1	26
	320 B	Oakdale	NIL	17
	321	Prairiedale	1	17
7B	347	Biggar	NIL	16
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	9
	350 B	Mariposa	1	18
	351	Progress	1	14
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	13
	377	Glenside	NIL	24
	378 B	Rosemount	1	15
	379	Reford	NIL	19
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	382	Eye Hill	NIL	3
	409	Buffalo	N/A	N/A
	410	Round Valley	N/A	5
8A	395	Porcupine	N/A	16
	397	Barrier Valley	1.7	30
	428	Star City	NIL	28
	456	Arborfield	1	37
	457	Connaught	12	47
	486	Moose Range	NIL	35
	487	Nipawin	NIL	2
8B	369	St. Peter	NIL	26
	370 A	Humboldt	1	40
	370 B	Humboldt	1	55
	371	Bayne	3	47
	372	Grant	3.6	45
	400	Three Lakes	1	40
	402	Fish Creek	NIL	29
	429	Flett's Springs	NIL	25
	459	Kinistino	N/A	43
	460	Birch Hills	NIL	12
9AE	488	Torch River	6	21
	491	Buckland	N/A	N/A
	520	Paddockwood	1	33
	521	Lakeland	1	33
9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	19
	435	Redberry	2	37
	436	Douglas	NIL	27
	463	Duck Lake	NIL	30
	467 A	Round Hill	4	22
	467 B	Round Hill	NIL	3
9B	438	Battle River	NIL	21
	440	Hillsdale	1	10
	442	Manitou Lake	2.5	11
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	19
	498 B	Parkdale	N/A	5
	499	Mervin	NIL	14
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	32
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	16
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	9
	502	Britannia	NIL	3
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	26
	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	5
	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	15
	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	622	Beaver River	N/A	14

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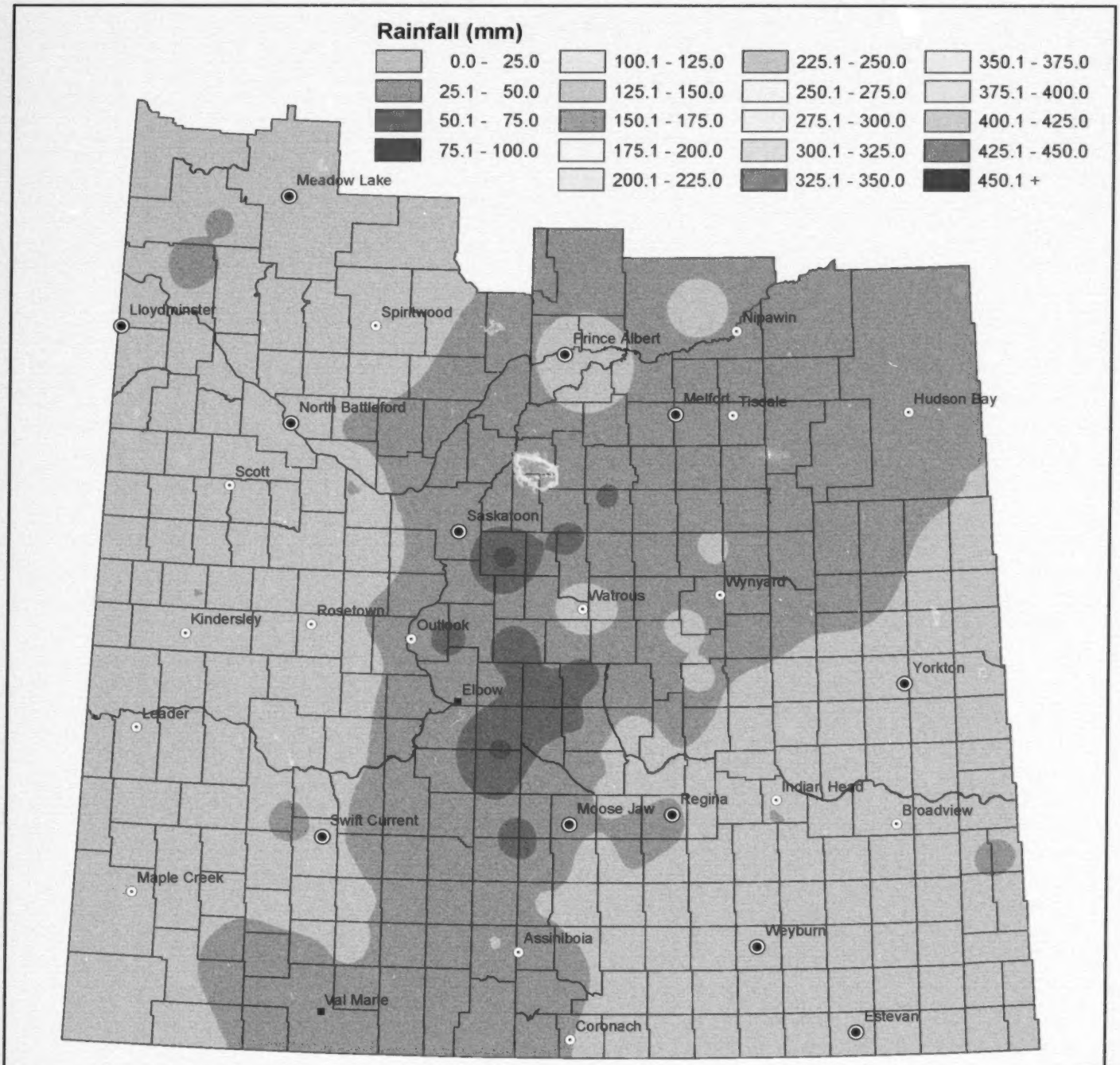

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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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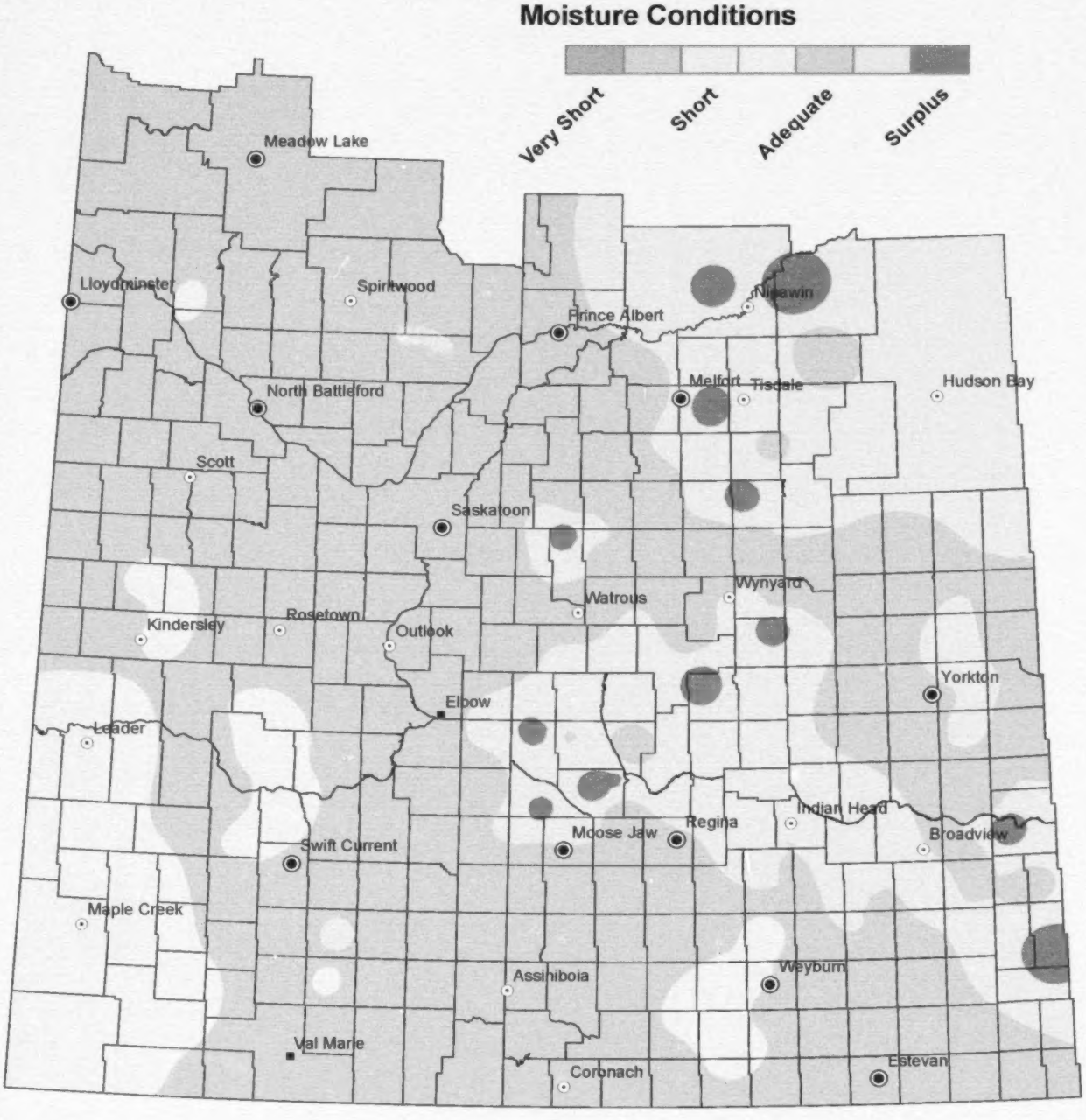

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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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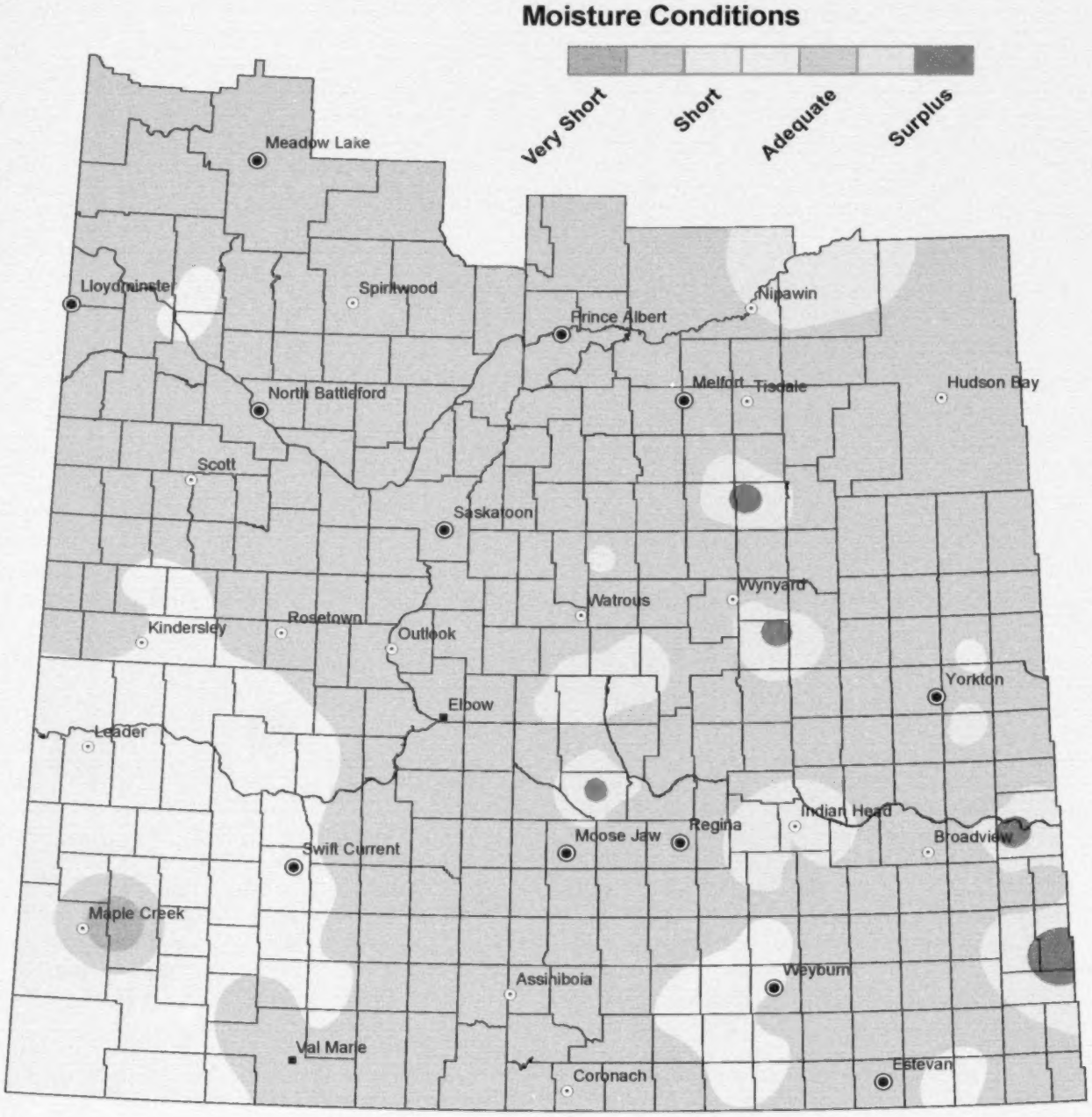

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